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THE FLEET IN THE NORTH RIVER.

An Object Lesson Concerning the Duty of National Preparedness.

To the Editor of THE SUN.—Sir:

These American patriots of the Dermburgian school, how many are there of them? What are they trying to do to this country?

The vast majority of the Americans of German descent are loyal, faithful citizens of the republic, regardless of any sympathy they may have for Germany in her trouble.

They exchanged their fatherland for a motherland that has welcomed them, cuddled them, nourished them, prospered them and given them a happiness which they could not find at home. And this land that has mothered them is first in their affections.

But there is a small element of alleged Americans who still think, talk, act and vote as Germans. These have joined with the subjects of the Kaiser who are under American protection to bring contempt upon the American Government.

Their business is to fill American hearts with hatred against the President of the United States because he has not bowed in humility to the will of the Kaiser by violating the laws of neutrality.

This detestable accumulation of patriots is under the leadership of one of Germany's national leaders. They are charged with the duty of giving emphasis to German insolence and to teach Americans how to like it.

The hideous atrocities of the Kaiser's only friend, the odorous and barbarous Turk, sink into insignificance compared to those committed by Germany in this war, and yet all this is excused and glorified by the Dermburgians. Race superiority will tell!

To them the premeditated slaughter of American sea travelers by Germany is just punishment for failure to stand by the Kaiser.

All this is, of course, intensely pleasing to Americans and accounts for their enthusiasm in support of the German cause.

The way to make an inferior person love and respect you is to treat him with contempt. Lord it over him, sneer at him, twist his nose, ignore his protests and at all times be insulting and insolent. This is what the German overlords have done to their friends, and this is why the world's sentiment is against Germany.

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